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C O N F I D E N T I A L TEL AVIV 09919
R.O. 12065: RDS-3 6/23/01 (BROWN, WILLIAM A.) OR-M
TAGS: IS, PEPR, MNUC, SY, LE
SUBJECT: PM BEGIN'S OFFICE DENIES LEAKS FROM KNESSET
- COMMITTEE
REF: TEL AVIV 9882

1(U)PM BEGIN'S OFFICE HAS DENIED PRESS REPORTS
(RFFTEL) THAT THE PRIME MINISTER TOLD THE KNESSET
FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND DEFENSE COMMITTEE THAT HIS RECENT
SHARP COMMENTS ABOUT THE SYRIAN SAMs IN LEBANON
WERE AIMED AT DIVERTING ATTENTION FROM THE PLANNED
ISRAELI RAID ON IRAQ'S NUCLEAR REACTOR. THE PM'S OFFICE
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DENOUNCED "THE LEAKS FROM THE DEFENSE AND FOREIGN
AFFAIRS COMMITTEE MEETING AND AFTER" AS "NOT ONLY
INACCURATE BUT FUNDAMENTALLY DISTORTED AND DAMAGING TO
THE CAUSE OF NATIONAL SECURITY."

2(U)BEGIN WAS ALSO REPORTED TO HAVE TOLD THE "SURPRISED"
KNESSET COMMITTEE THAT THE SYRIAN MISSILES IN LEBANON
HAD NOT IMPAIRED ISRAEL'S INTELLIGENCE-GATHERING
CAPABILITIES OR ISRAEL WOULD HAVE KNOCKED THEM OUT
IN NO TIME AND WITHOUT CASUALTIES. NEWS REPORTS CLAIM
BEGIN ALSO TOLD THE COMMITTEE THAT "THE CHRISTIANS
IN LEBANON KNOW THAT ISRAEL WILL NOT INTERVENE ON THEIR
BEHALF WITH INFANTRY FORCES BECAUSE ISRAEL DOES NOT
WANT TO GET ENTANGLED IN A VIETNAM-LIKE WAR."
3(C)COMMENT.

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